Gujarat, particularly in areas facing over-exploitation of ground water; and

(b) if so, what follow-up action has been taken by the Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) In collaboration with the Government of Gujarat, the Central Ground Water Board conducted an experimental artificial recharge project in Mehsana and coastal Saurashtra in Gujarat with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme.

(b) The Government of India forwarded the Report on the Project findings and recommendations to the Government of Gujarat for follow-up action.

Minor Irrigation Scheme from Gujarat Pending Clearance

1742. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several minor irrigation schemes submitted by Gujarat Government are held up for want of clearance; and

(b) if so, by when the proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b) Minor irrigation schemes are planned, designed and implemented by State Government and do not need the clearance of Central Government, except where submergence of forest is involved. Two minor irrigation schemes in State of Gujarat viz; (i) construction of Galkund dam; and (ii) construction of minor canal of Bhadar Irrigation Scheme, are pending clearance in the Ministry of Environment and Forests. These schemes shall be cleared as soon as essential details are received from the State Government.

Construction of a Sweet Water Storage System Across the Gulf of Cambay

1743. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the development of Gulf of Khambat in Gujarat a scheme was contemplated for the construction of a sweet water storage system across the Gulf of Cambay; and

(b) if so, what is the present stage of the scheme and Central Government's views thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b) The Government of Gujarat have proposed to take up with external assistance, a study for multipurpose development of Gulf of Cambay to secure a fresh water storage, tidal power generation, land reclamation, navigation, irrigation and fisheries development.

Processing of fruits by Pepsi Foods

1744. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pepsi Foods have started processing of fruits and whether they have fulfilled their export obligation; and

(b) if not, whether soft drinks project will be allowed to start before these conditions are fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) According to the Letter of Intent granted to M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Ltd., the project shall export 50% of its total turn-over